

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 13, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration* – Mansfield's Annual Town Meeting for budget consideration will be held at 7:00 PM on May 14, 2013 at the Mansfield Middle School Auditorium. Residents and property owners should bring a form of identification to the annual meeting to verify their eligibility to vote. A sign language interpreter will be available for citizens who are hearing impaired. Childcare will be available for children ages 5 and older at no charge from 6:45 PM through the end of the meeting. The proposed budget is available online at <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/1914/2410/2413.aspx>. Hard copies of the budget are available at various locations, including the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, the Mansfield Public Library, the Mansfield Senior Center and the Mansfield Community Center.
- *Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Region 19 for Parking Lot Services* – I have received a draft of a proposed agreement, which I plan to present to the Town Council for its consideration at the May 28, 2013 meeting.

Departmental Reports

- *Town Manager's Office, Prescription Drug Discount Program* - The Town of Mansfield, through its association with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the statewide association of towns and cities, is now providing a new prescription discount card that will provide uninsured and underinsured residents steep savings on prescription medicines. This new prescription discount card will provide immediate fiscal relief at the pharmacy counter for uninsured and underinsured residents and offers the following features and benefits:
 - Any Mansfield resident can participate regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance coverage
 - All prescription medications are covered including pet prescriptions that can be filled at a participating pharmacy
 - There are no enrollment or membership fees for participating residents
 - There are no restrictions or limits on frequency of use for participating residents
 - Cost savings for participants average 45%
 - There are over 63,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop, and Big Y, and many independent pharmacies
 - Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, hearing and Lasik services
 - There is no cost to the municipality to participate

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Community Playground* – The Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation has awarded \$200,000 to Mansfield Advocates for Children to benefit Mansfield's Community Playground. This support will make it possible to create a place for families with young children of all abilities to meet and build connections. The playground is part of an ongoing effort by Mansfield Advocates for Children to strengthen community connections and enhance the overall quality of life in Mansfield. This support from the Ossen Family Foundation brings us closer to our fundraising goal, but we're not there yet. We hope that this grant will inspire local businesses and individuals to support this project through donations, sponsoring components,

making handprint tiles, attending events, and various other ways. To make a donation you can go to <http://mansfieldcommunityplayground.org/donations.html>. Volunteers are needed for building, events, and steering committee meetings. You, the community, are needed at every stage of this project, from design to completion, to make it a success. For more information, please email: Info@MansfieldCommunityPlayground.org.

- *Storrs Center Construction Update* - With the arrival of warmer spring weather, the Town has resumed work on its streetscape improvements on Storrs Road (Route 195) and Dog Lane. In April, the Town's contractor, Milton C. Beebe & Sons Construction of Mansfield, installed new crosswalks on Dog Lane. Beebe is currently adding medians in Storrs Road. In addition to beautifying the street, the medians will serve as a traffic-calming measure on this busy section of road. Once the final physical changes to Storrs Road are complete, Beebe will repave the road from the intersection with Dog Lane to the intersection with South Eagleville Road (Route 275). As part of the repaving of Storrs Road, Beebe will mark the new on-street areas, which will be free parking for 2 hours. Another traffic calming measure, which will also serve to beautify the area, will be new street trees along Storrs Road. The new trees will be planted every fifty feet along the road, in between the street lights. Plantings are also planned for along the new stone wall in front of E. O. Smith High School. Construction of One Royce Circle continues; the building is expected to be ready for residents of The Oaks on the Square in August 2013. The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry recently announced its plans to move into this new building. The Ballard will join the UConn Co-op (a new, additional location), Haru Aki Café, UConn Health Center medical offices, and Webster Bank in the second phase of Storrs Center. Questions may be directed to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (storrscenterinfo@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740). The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.

Special Events

- *Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration Ceremonies* - The Town of Mansfield will hold its [Memorial Day Parade](#) on Monday, May 27, 2013. The parade will begin at 9:00 AM at the intersection of Bassett's Bride Road and Storrs Road, and will proceed north along Storrs Road to Cemetery Road and a commemoration ceremony at the Mansfield Center Cemetery. In addition, the Town Council will hold a short Memorial Day commemoration ceremony in advance of the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. All are welcome to both events.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, May 14, 2013, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, May 14, 2013, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, May 14, 2013, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Transportation Advisory Committee, May 14, 2013, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, May 15, 2013, 2:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, May 15, 2013, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, May 16, 2013, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, May 20, 2013, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Commission, May 20, 2013, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, May 23, 2013, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Traffic Authority, May 28, 2013, 10:30 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, May 28, 2013, 2:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, TUESDAY, May 28, 2013, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*